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SUPPLY ROUTES TO THE NORTHERN REGION

Provisions are delivered from Vladivostok to various areas on the northern coast of Chukot National Okrug by special supply ships of the AKO (Kamchatka Company). Supplies are received at Vladivostok from other parts of the country. It requires an average of 119 days, sometimes as long as 154 to 192 days, for railroad freight to reach Vladivostok from central USSR. The sea route from Odessa requires an average of 139 days, sometimes as long as 210 days. The unloading, redistribution, repacking, and loading of supplies on the Northern Sea Route ships require 30 days at Vladivostok.

In the northern national ckrugs, a part of the supply is sent inland along the rivers which freeze early in October. Supplies must reach the okrugs by the end of July at the latest as isolated areas, such as Markovo and Yeropol', are 600-700 kilometers from the mouth of the Anadyr River. The shortage of river vessels makes it necessary for boats to make several trips. When shipments are late, supplies must be stored on the coast until the following year. Moreover, when ship arrivals are delayed until fall, it is very difficult to unload, due to lack of ports and occurrence of storms. A great part of the supplies is destroyed or damaged. Sometimes unloading is totally impossible.

Based on years of experience, the sailing dates on supply routes to Chukot National Okrug are set as follows:

Vladivostok - Provideniya Bay Route

Leaves Vladivostok 15 June and steps at various commercial areas beginning with Ust Kamchatsk (including Komandorskiye Islands). Returns to Vladivostok in October.

2. Vladivostok - Dezhneva Route

Leaves Vladivostok 15 June and stops at various commercial areas beginning with Glubokaya Bay. Returns to Vladivostok at the end of September.

3. Vladivestok - Chukot Peninsula Northern Coast - Kolyma Route.

Leaves Vladivostok 15 to 20 June.

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